

## GERMANS BATTER DOWN ALLIES' DEFENSIVE DETERMINED TO HACK THEIR WAY TO PARIS

### PETROGRAD SAYS GERMAN LEFT WING IN FULL RETREAT

Kaiser's Advance in Poland Has Been Changed to Rapid Rear Movement

### Russians Claim Decisive Victory

Tell of Awful Hand-to-Hand Conflicts With Dead Strewn Over Many Miles of Carnage—Fighting Continues

London, Oct. 23.—Vigorous offensive preparations by the Russian armies in Poland and in Galicia are asserted by the official news bureau in Petrograd. The German left wing in Poland is in full retreat. The center, the army which advanced against Inzow, holds the left bank of the Vistula, but is weakening under heavy pressure. The right has been repulsed. The official statement of the day is as follows:

"The German advance in Poland has been transferred into a hasty, a disordered retreat. This retreat was primarily caused by a Russian force from Serebryansk, which crossed the Vistula and turned the enemy's left flank. The retreat of the German left wing will force their army operating around Krasnopol and Inzow to retreat also, as well as the army in the vicinity of Radom and to the southwest."

"In their retreat the Germans have abandoned arms, ammunition and provisions and are leaving behind many wounded. We have taken many prisoners, but no attempt has been made to estimate the number."

"Our troops have made a successful assault on the Heights of Radom, north of Warsaw. The Austrians fled in disorder and we captured twenty-two officers and more than 1,000 men. A young general who had only just recovered from wounds led the successful assault. The Grand Square of the King of Saxony was captured near Warsaw. He was riding in the royal automobile when taken."

"Desperate fighting is going on all along the battle line, but our troops have now begun a vigorous offensive against the Germans and the Austrians."

"News correspondents in Petrograd send details of the Russian movement west of Warsaw which included days of overfighting. The Russian staff correspondent declares that only time is required to turn the German forces into a beaten army. The Russian army is pushing the Germans back, forcing them to traverse roads which are hardly better than those which are fringed by bog and mud. Prisoners and other trophies of war are falling into the hands of the Russians. The correspondents add:

"In their accounts of the fighting around the village of Krasnopol, they state that while the artillery duel was proceeding the troops were making a move for several days and nights. Finally the artillery fire became silent on both sides, and orders came to make a bayonet charge. The Russian soldiers, stiff and miserable from their long confinement in good positions, were only too delighted at the order, and dashed upon the Germans with irresistible vigor. The Germans for the second time during the war on this side, met them with the bayonet, and a terrific fight ensued."

"Neither side could gain any advantage, and the slaughter was fearful. Finally the Russian withstood the wind from the east, followed by the Russian. The German mistook this for a successful outflanking movement, and they broke and fled, abandoning everything in their run for safety. The Russians pursued them for twenty miles, and the plain was strewn with German dead."

"The correspondent of the Daily Mail sends similar details of the retreat of the German left wing."

### FOUR KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Hempstead, L. I., Oct. 23.—Four men were killed instantly and one probably fatally late tonight, when their car skidded at Franklin Avenue at the corner of Fulton Street and was smashed to pieces against the curb stone.

The quartette were catapulted from the machine which was going at high speed. All landed on their heads. The four dead men were found with broken skulls. The scalp of the fifth man was torn off. He regained his senses long enough to say he was Gasman, of Brooklyn, and then lapsed into unconsciousness. Nothing was found in the pockets of the deceased by which they could be identified.

### PROTEST GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTION ON PROHIBITION

Virginia Synod Holds Amendment of Constitution Is Civic Question

### President Finds He Can't Interfere

Leaders Urge Him to Exercise Power to Prorogue Body, But Decides There Is No Ground for Executive Action

(Special to The Richmond Virginian.) Lynchburg, Va., Oct. 23.—The Presbyterian Synod of Virginia closed its sessions here this afternoon after four days of continuous work. The total enrollment of members in attendance was 242. The meeting has one of great interest and pleasure to all who have been present.

In adopting the report on the minutes of the general assembly of the church the synod entered a strong protest against the action of the assembly in urging that a prohibition amendment should be added to the constitution of the United States. The synod expressed itself as most strongly and emphatically in favor of temperance, but held that it is contrary to the principles of the Southern Presbyterian Church for it to say how its members should vote on any civic question. It believes in entire separation of church and State.

Hebrews Loyal.

Rev. Philip Sidenky, of Baltimore, spoke to the synod on mission work among the Hebrews. He mentioned the change of sentiment among the European nations brought about by the war now in progress. The Jews even in Russia have volunteered in large numbers and are proving themselves loyal and faithful soldiers. The war has recently taken from them "my beloved Jews." He told of work that is being done in carrying the gospel to these people both in this country and in other lands.

Mr. Sidenky expects to sail to Europe in a short time to act as interpreter for the Red Cross Society.

Rev. M. B. Porter spoke of the work of the American Bible Society, calling special attention to appeals that are coming to this society for the Scriptures to be distributed among the soldiers in the camps and on the battle fields of Europe.

Fredericksburg Home.

A matter of considerable interest was the discussion of questions connected with the home and school for orphans of ministers at Fredericksburg. This institution has been under the control of the general assembly for a number of years, but is now practically closed. The synod asks the assembly to return the original property and endowment to the trustees of the Fredericksburg Female Orphan Asylum, who more than twenty years ago turned the property over to the assembly. It is understood that if this is done the trustees will turn it over to the synod of Virginia.

The morning session was closed by the celebration of the Lord's supper, conducted by Rev. A. M. Bell, J. D. and Rev. Lewis Gresham, and the reading of the memorials of deceased ministers.

### INSPIRING SCENES ATTENDS UNVEILING WEBSTER MEMORIAL

Blue and Gray Unite in Honor of Son of Statesman at Manassas—Former Foes Join Hands and Hearts

(Special to The Richmond Virginian.) Manassas, Va., Oct. 23.—A memorial in the form of a two-ton stone of granite and a bronze tablet, bearing an inscription, was today unveiled at the Bull Run battlefield, in tribute to Colonel Fletcher Webster, son of Daniel Webster, who fell at the second battle of Manassas.

Representatives of the remaining members of the gallant host, of both Union and Confederate, who fought in this second battle of Bull Run, gathered to pay tribute to the memory of their comrade. The Blue and Gray, united in peace, stood on the battleground of fifty odd years ago, and listened to addresses by prominent fellow soldiers.

Union Veterans Arrive.

This morning at 9:30 o'clock the veterans of the Twelfth Massachusetts Regiment, which was commanded by Colonel Fletcher Webster, arrived here on a special car, and in company with Confederate soldiers, marched to the Courthouse, where was gathered a large assemblage. The voices of four hundred school children, singing America, opened the exercises, which were in charge of Lieutenant George C. Round. Short addresses were made by Colonel Edmund Berkeley, ranking Confederate soldier of this county, and Colonel B. F. Cook, of the Twelfth Massachusetts. A poem, "The Cool of the Day," was recited by Rev. T. D. Clark, and Rev. E. A. Bonds, of the Southern Methodist Church, pronounced the benediction.

At the closing of these exercises veterans and visitors formed a long procession.

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### NO WAY YET FOUND FOR CONGRESS TO REACH AGREEMENT

With Quorum Present In Neither House Filibusters Hold Fort

### President Finds He Can't Interfere

Leaders Urge Him to Exercise Power to Prorogue Body, But Decides There Is No Ground for Executive Action

Washington, Oct. 23.—Congress was still deadlocked today with a quorum lacking in each house. All efforts to bring about an adjournment were in vain and finally the leaders urged President Wilson to relieve the situation by exercising his constitutional authority to prorogue Congress. This the President declined to do.

Speaker Clark and Senator Keen, of Indiana, leaders of the majority in the Senate, called on the President this morning and urged him to exercise his authority in this extraordinary situation so as to enable Congress to quit. The two leaders told him there was a deadlock which Congress seemed unable to break.

The President gave careful consideration to the suggestion and the two

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### TELEPHONE PIONEERS COMING NEXT WEEK

CONVENTION OF OLD TIME "BELL" MEN IS TO BEGIN THURSDAY.

### INVENTOR MAY COME

PRESIDENT THEO. N. VAIL AND OTHER MEN PROMINENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH INVENTRY EXPECTED.

Arrangements have been completed for the convention on Thursday and Friday of next week of the Telephone Pioneers of America. First arrivals are expected by Wednesday afternoon or night.

The sessions of the first day will be held in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel, and the second day will be given over to a boat trip to Old Point. The telephone men will go on to their homes from that point.

The convention while not one of the largest, will be representative of all sections of the United States and Canada. Some four hundred men, many accompanied by their wives, are the delegates to the body. There is little business to be transacted, outside of ordinary routine, the purpose of the gathering being probably for the better acquaintance of the men who have been in the telephone business for twenty years or more.

One requirement for membership is that the candidate shall have been actively associated with the telephone industry for at least twenty years.

Dr. Bell May Be Visitor.

The meeting will bring to Richmond President Theodore N. Vail, of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, and other high officials and men prominent in the telephone world. It is hoped by the local committee that Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, who is now in Washington, will be able to make the trip to this city for the meeting next week.

The chief entertainment event of the convention will be the annual banquet in the Jefferson auditorium on Thursday night. A number of other functions of a minor character will be given for the distinguished visitors.

At the banquet there will be discussed various topics of interest to the telephone men, and during the morning and afternoon sessions of the convention a number of papers will be presented by "old-timers."

Spent Day On River.

The convention will move, by the steamer Smithfield, to Old Point, the body leaving the Jefferson at 8 o'clock in the morning. It is probable that a brief stop will be made at Jamestown Island. The boat is scheduled to reach Old Point at 5 o'clock. Dinner will be served at the Chamberlain Hotel at that hour.

The arrangements for the meeting are in the hands of a committee of Richmond telephone men, heads of departments of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Virginia, Vice-President J. W. Crowe is chairman of the committee.

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### MRS. CARMAN SAYS SHE WILL BE FREE WOMAN TONIGHT

Jury Will Get Celebrated Case This Afternoon, After Speedy Trial

### State Thinks Has Made Good Case

Impression Prevails that, While Woman Is Not Innocent, Credible Evidence Is Not Sufficient to Convict Her

Minneapolis, L. I., Oct. 23.—Mrs. Florence Carman went to pieces in the Supreme Court room here today and wept bitterly. The woman had stood up under all that she could—the three months of waiting for her trial, the wearying intensity of the courtroom scenes, the terrible strain of an unmerciful cross-examination and the harrowing publicity.

Her grief lasted for but a moment. There was not a sob; there was not a tremor of her shoulders; there was not even a perceptible break in the regular course of her breathing. As her little girl stepped from the witness stand the handkerchief was taken from her eyes and the eager spectators all of them keenly alive to the fact that Mrs. Carman's emotions had finally asserted themselves, beheld a face that was smiling.

It was her first breakdown, even the first indication of strong emotions within the woman.

Everything went along so smoothly at the Carman trial today that the jury will probably receive its instructions tomorrow afternoon and be locked up to decide from the tangle of evidence whether Mrs. Carman is guilty of murdering Mrs. Lulu Bailey or innocent.

District Attorney Seams Sure.

Mrs. Carman herself thinks, or at least smiles and says, that she will again be a free woman tomorrow, able to go home and turn her hand to reconstructing the shattered condition of her household. The district attorney, however, seems inclined to believe that his case has proved that the mystery of Mrs. Bailey's death is in reality no mystery at all, that Mrs. Carman is guilty of the crime, and that under the circumstances the jury will be able to do nothing but find the defendant in fact her person who did the shooting.

It is not considered at all improbable that the jury will be unable to agree on the testimony they have been furnished. The major portion of public opinion hereabouts tends, however, to the belief that Mrs. Carman will be acquitted, and the belief seems to be

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### MANY DELEGATES FEARING FOR LIVES QUIT CONFERENCE

Peace Gathering at Aguas Calientes Becomes Farce, Being Packed by Villa's Adherents, Backed by Large Army

El Paso, Texas, Oct. 23.—George Orosco, acting Carranza consul, despite telegrams from Washington to the effect that the Mexican peace conference continues at Aguas Calientes, maintains that President Antonio Villalpando and many of the important delegates have quit the meeting because of lack of guarantees for their safety following the arrival of General Francisco Villa at the meeting place with troops.

Villa's officials today said he was at Torreon preparing to go to Durango. Carranzistas said this indicated that the delegates who are not subject to Villa's dictation had quit the conference and Villa had returned north to prepare for battle. "If the conference is still in session," said Consul Orosco, "I am sure that it is meeting without most of the Carranza delegates."

"General Carranza cannot resign," said Orosco, "for the plan of Guadalupe for which the Mexicans have fought, provides that the supreme chief shall serve until a congress of generals at Mexico City decides otherwise. Such a meeting was held at Mexico City and it refused to accept the resignation of the first chief. There is no authority in the plan of Guadalupe for the Aguas Calientes meeting. It has no power to say who shall or who shall not be first chief and it has no power to take over the government and General Carranza will not surrender to it. He would be false to his trust if he did."

Comparative Chief's Attitude.

In a signed statement, following the

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### DROPPING DEADLY BOMBS WHICH SLAUGHTER WOMEN AND CHILDREN



HOW BOMBS ARE DROPPED FROM AEROPLANES

### ARMY OF SPEAKERS TO END CAMPAIGN

HEAVY DEMOCRATIC ARTILLERY ASSAULT SLEMP DEFENSES IN FINAL EFFORT.

### TODAY IS BIG ONE

IRVINE, BUCHANAN AND GLASS AT BARBECUE—SENATOR SWANSON TO SPEAK NINE TIMES NEXT WEEK.

Governor Henry C. Stuart, who is at Elk Garden, superintending the shipment of cattle from his stock farm, will not return to Richmond until Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, having one more speaking date in the Ninth District, where he has been campaigning with others in the interest of R. Tate Irvine, Democratic candidate for Congress against Baumbach Slemp, who is a candidate for re-election.

The last week of the campaign which closes next Saturday night, is to be a strenuous one for the army of speakers the Democrats have called to the district to aid in the election of a supporter of the national administration.

Big Barbecue Today.

Today speeches will be made in no less than seven places by nearly a dozen speakers. Attorney General John Garland Pollard will speak at Tazewell, Va. Then he will put in a full week's engagement next week. Congressman Carter Glass will speak today at Rich Valley with Mr. Irvine, an all-day barbecue being on the program. State Senator Buchanan will also be one of the speakers at the barbecue.

Other speakers for the day are Judge C. T. Duncan at Fort Blackmore and at Dugannon, one speech being delivered at noon and the other at night; Hon. E. S. Finney and Hon. H. S. Kidd, at Wilder, and Hon. W. B. Fulton and Hon. W. W. G. Dotson at Bonds Mill school house.

Full Bill Next Weeks.

Next week speaking at one or more places will occupy every day until Saturday night:

Hon. R. Tate Irvine—Cleveland, October 28, day (barbecue); Honaker, October 28, night; Coeburn, October 29, day; Danta, Oct. 29, night; Clinchport, October 30, day; Big Stone Gap, October 31, day (barbecue); Appalachia, October 31, night; Bristol, October 26, night; Pearisburg, October 27, day.

Governor Henry C. Stuart—Lebanon, October 24, day.

Hon. Claude A. Swanson—Bristol, October 26, night; Pearisburg, October 27, night; Cleveland, October 28, day (barbecue); Wise, October 28, night; Coeburn, October 29, day; Norton, October 29, night; Clintwood, October 30, day (barbecue); Big Stone Gap, October 31, day (barbecue); Appalachia, October 31, night.

Hon. John Garland Pollard—Lebanon, October 24, day.

The greatest revival and probably the greatest series of religious meetings in the church history of Virginia begins simultaneously in all the twenty-one Baptist churches of Richmond tomorrow. From the time Dr. Weston Bruner opens services at Richmond College tomorrow until November 15, eloquent sermons, splendid music, vocal and instrumental, and a religious fervor seldom equaled will be heard and seen in Richmond.

The greatest evangelists in the Southern Baptist Church, picked men, reverent, forceful and inspiring, will be here. Some of them are already in the city ready to begin their work and preparing for it; others are in Roanoke, where the end of the most successful revival Roanoke has ever known comes to an end tonight.

Plans Are Ready.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the season of revival. The services will be given under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Church Department of Evangelism, of which Rev. Weston Bruner, D. D., is secretary. The entire evangelistic force of Dr. Bruner's department will be sent to Richmond, some coming from Roanoke and others from their homes in various parts of the South. There are eighteen of these ministers and several singers of note and they will conduct services in every Baptist Church in the city of Richmond and some in the vicinity.

Every morning there will be a great central meeting in one of the large churches, while every night meetings will be held simultaneously in all the churches. In addition meetings will be held all over the city—in the Y. M. C. A., at the colleges, in the shops, anywhere and everywhere there are people gathered together or where people can be gathered together. Street meetings will not be neglected. In fact, every man and woman and child will be reached by some means if it so be that they wish to be reached. At some time during the meetings it will be convenient for every one to attend. None need or will miss receiving the advantage of hearing these great revivalists except they willfully seek to miss them.

In Other Places.

Recent meetings held in Petersburg under the same auspices proved successful beyond the hopes of the organizers. The revival closing in Roanoke tonight has drawn immense

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### SITUATION TAKES ON MORE CRITICAL ASPECT FOR FRANCE

Kaiser's Forces Hewing Their Way Over All Obstacles to Southern Advance

### Decisive Battle Is Yet to Come

While Pressed Back by Furious Assault Allies' Lines Remain Unbroken, With No Appearance of Defeat

Paris, Oct. 23.—The Germans struck at the allied line between the North Sea and the Oise today with tremendous force and drove back the French and British in the region of La Bassée, although compelled themselves to give ground east of Arras.

General Joffre telegraphs from headquarters that the allied line as a whole, stands fast.

There is nothing in the official reports today to cause apprehension, although it is apparent that the new effort by the Germans to hew through the allied line wherever a weak section can be found in Belgium—in northern France, has gained momentum in the past six days. The German general staff has drained Belgium of sapping troops, and has hurried new corps of very young and mid-aged reservists from home depots.

Probably the situation is more critical than at any time since the first invasion which began from Liege and Namur. It is reported that the German commanders are again adopting the policy of hacking through whatever cost. The German losses in Belgium in the past week are estimated at 10,000 killed and wounded. All reports, including General Joffre's, point to a further supreme effort to take the road to Paris.

At the extreme left of the line, where the French and British warships are supporting the German advance, the Germans could not gain an inch, but southward, along the Canal of La Bassée, their battering ram drove forward slightly. A little to the north of La Bassée, in the region east of Arras, the allied line ceded in pushing back a German army, and were equally successful south of the Somme. The hardest fighting was in the regions of La Bassée, Arras, and Artois, although the conflict raged with violence along the whole west flank from the sea to north of Soissons. It is evident that the day produced nothing decisive.

North of Soissons, in the region which is the cornerstone of the battle line, there was an artillery conflict with the result favorable to the British and French. General Joffre reports that the German batteries were put out of action. In the Argonne ridge there was no fighting of importance, but the official report of the afternoon states that the French gained slight successes in the region of Verdun.

Correspondents in Belgium and northern France assert that the allied have made progress that has been reported by the commanders. They say that the warships have made the line too hot for the Germans to hold; that a retreat has already begun from the coast, and that the conflict on the whole west flank must be decided very soon if for no other reason than the terrible losses which both sides are suffering.

Officially, Admiral Loomis.

The government report tonight admitted that the allies have lost certain positions in the region of the hardest fighting. The text of the communiqué, issued at 11 P. M. was as follows:

"On our left wing the action has continued with great violence especially around Arras, La Bassée and Armentières. The allied forces have lost some ground at certain points around La Bassée, and have gained ground east of Arras."

"Generally, on this part of the front the situation has not been changed. North of the Aisne our artillery has destroyed three German batteries."

### FIFTEEN DROWNED IN SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 23.—A five-inch rain in less than four hours this morning gave this city the most destructive flood in its history. Fifteen persons were drowned, two hundred houses were destroyed and about 2,000 persons were made homeless when the San Pedro and Alamo creeks overflowed. The floodgates of the city were to such a degree that the water was several feet wide, and street bridges were by small structures, from the foundations. The property loss is estimated at \$100,000, and the damage to several bridges and other municipal property.